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Bar Admissions

Ohio, 2005; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 2006; Republic of Palau, 2007

Education

University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland.

Juris Doctor, 2002

Certificate in Environmental Law

University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Comparative criminal justice and environmental protection.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Bachelor of Arts in History, August, 1997.

East Asian Summer Language Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Mandarin Chinese.

Experience

889 Global Solutions

Project Manager

Columbus, Ohio

2010

In-House position with small, international business involved in contract manufacturing and importation of products from China. Tasks included qualification of Chinese companies in conjunction with China-based staff, business prospect research, import management, and classification of imports under US law. Also developed and wrote newsletter content and pinpointed strategic opportunities for company's communications.

House of Delegates, 7th – 8th Olbiil Era Kelulau

Palau National Congress

Legal Counsel

Republic of Palau

2007- 2009

Represented the elected officials and numerous standing committees of the national congress of a small island developing state in the Western Pacific. Responsibilities included drafting legislation and committee reports, writing contracts, research and writing support for appellate litigation, legal research and advising elected officials as to legal ramifications of proposed legislation.

Legislative topics included:

- government benefits and retirement plans;
- educational system overhaul;
- government reform, oversight and ombudsman program creation;
- infrastructure maintenance, including sovereign finance;
- update of environmental protection laws;
- energy resource exploration;
- utility reform;
- international ocean shipping registry and maritime law;
- application to a United Nations agency to claim seabed mineral rights;
- reconciliation of domestic laws and international treaties;
- general administrative law.

Also conducted legislative training workshop for newly elected Delegates with the United Nations Development Programme, and served as point person for legal questions during transition between Congresses and as liaison with international organizations.

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services

Chillicothe, Ohio

Pro Bono Attorney

2005- 2007

Supported office staff with client interviewing, case investigation and support, legal research and document drafting in the areas of family law, government benefits, consumer protection, and housing.

Topics included:

- child support enforcement;
- government benefits
- federal preemption of state payday lending laws;
- enforceability of arbitration clauses in manufactured housing defects;
- dispute resolution under community development laws;
- Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act;
- access to utility service.

Office of the Honorable Ted Strickland

Washington, D.C.

United States House of Representatives

Spring 2002

Legislative Fellow

Intensive Legislative Fellowship. Aided staff members with constituent group and lobbyist relations, legal analysis of proposed legislation, and Congressional correspondence. Issues included Energy and Natural Resources issues, nuclear contamination, resource utilization, and prescription narcotic abuse.

National Wildlife Federation

Washington, D.C.

Legal Extern

Fall 2001

Conducted research regarding environmental provisions of free trade agreements and international trade laws in the National Wildlife Federation's Trade and Environment Program. Focused on the Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement and Chapter 11 trade arbitration controversies in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

City of Baltimore Department of Law

Baltimore, Maryland

Law Clerk

Summer 2001

Performed legal research, drafted legal memoranda, and assisted supervising attorneys in various divisions of the City Law Department to prepare for trials and hearings. Rotations included: Labor and Employment, Litigation, Police Department Legal Affairs Office, and the Office of the City Solicitor.